IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VANDEBERG et al.

Application No. 09/040,336

Filed: March 18, 1998

Title: METHOD FOR CURING OPTICAL GLASS FIBER COATINGS AND INKS

BY LOW POWER ELECTRON BEAM RADIATION

March 13, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: H. Ngo

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find a Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed thereon. These references were cited in the also enclosed European Search Report of a corresponding foreign application.

Since the mailing date of the enclosed Search Report is December 16, 1999, i.e. less than three months ago, petition is hereby made under Rule 97(d) for consideration of this IDS, for which the requisite \$130 petition fee under Rule 17(i) is enclosed. Should that fee be missing or inadequate, the Commissioner is hereby

- authorized to charge the deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order
- No. 21028-242977.

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This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, <u>prompt</u> notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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